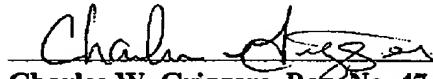


REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding non-final Office action. The Examiner has required the applicant to elect to prosecute one of 2 groups of claims identified in the Office Action. In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants respectfully elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, corresponding to claims 21-30.

Applicants expressly reserve the right to present the non-elected claims, or variants thereof, in continuing applications to be filed subsequent to the present application. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this response, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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